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WIFA Seeks Public Comments on Draft 2006 Intended Use Plans and Project Priority Lists

PHOENIX – The Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona has released preliminary drafts of the 2006 Clean Water and Drinking Water Revolving Fund Intended Use Plans (IUPs) and Project Priority Lists (PLs), and officials are seeking the public's feedback before a final version is adopted by the WIFA Board of Directors.

The Clean Water Revolving Fund (CWRF) IUP describes WIFA's plan to utilize various sources of funds to finance wastewater and water quality infrastructure during the 2006 funding cycle from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2006.

The Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRf) IUP explains WIFA's plan to utilize various sources of funds to finance drinking water infrastructure and support related program activities during the 2006 funding cycle.

The CWRF and DWRf PLs place eligible borrowers' projects on a list which is prioritized based on public health factors, condition of drinking water or wastewater facilities, local fiscal capacity, prior year funding, and project benefits including water quality improvement, conservation index and consolidation/regionalization.

"We encourage the public to take a look at the proposed lists of projects," said WIFA Chairman Steve Owens, who is also Director of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality. "These are important projects for communities throughout the state and by investing in them, we are investing in Arizona's future."

WIFA will hold a public meeting on Nov. 29 in Phoenix to seek comment from the public on the draft CWRF and DWRf IUPs and PLs. The meeting will be held at the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, Room 145, 1110 W. Washington St., from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

The deadline for public comments on the draft CWRF and DWRf IUPs and PLs is Nov. 29, 2005. The WIFA Board of Directors will adopt the final CWRF and DWRf IUPs and PLs on Dec. 14, 2005. The IUPs and PLs will become effective on Jan. 1, 2006.

Questions or comments concerning the draft IUPs and PLs should be directed to Tiffany Troidl, WIFA, 1110 W. Washington St., Suite 290, Phoenix, AZ 85007 or by phone at (602) 364-1314.

The draft CWRF and DWRf IUPs and PLs can be found at WIFA's Web site (www.azwifa.gov).